

Important Dates

**S2 Student Reports
going home**

Thursday 7 December 2023

**Reception
Transition Morning
Last Visit**

Thursday 7 December 2023

Carols 2pm

Friday 8 December 2023

**Sports Day -
Families Welcome -
from 10.15 am**

Monday 11 December 2023

**Year 6 Graduation
Breakfast - Zittos -
Details TBA**

Monday 11 December 2023

**End of Year
Christmas Concert -
Families Welcome
2.15pm**

Monday 11 December 2023

**Transition Morning -
Students go to their
2024 Class**

Monday 11 December 2023

**Graduation Year 6 /
2pm - Yarning Place**

Tuesday 12 December 2023

**Last Day of Term 4
- Year 6 Only - 3pm
Finish**

Tuesday 12 December 2023

**Last Day of Term 4
- Rec to Yr 5 - 3pm
Finish**

Wednesday 13 December
2023

**Pupil Free Day (No
School) (OSHC
Available -**

**Bookings Essential
0437 609 360)**

Thursday 14 December 2023

**Pupil Free Day (No
School) (OSHC
Available -**

**Bookings Essential
0437 609 360)**

Friday 15 December 2023

**School Begins Term
1 2024**

Monday 29 January 2024

From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week we welcomed a new student to our school: Emilio in Year 2, and next week we welcome Mason, joining us in Year 4. We also welcomed Denise Sawyer to our staff this week. Denise is a co-educator who will be working to support teachers and students across our school. I would like to welcome both of you and your families to our school community and hope that your time with us is full of learning, friendships and fun! On a sad note, today we farewelled Kylie West, one of our administration staff. Kylie has worked across both St Mary Magdalene's and St Thomas More schools in a HR role. While many of you have not had the opportunity to meet Kylie because she works behind the scenes, our staff are extremely grateful for the tremendous contribution she has made to our school community. Kylie will be on Monday working at the Catholic Education Office. While we will miss you Kylie, we do wish you well for your future role.

This week we finally had our new sound system set up in the Yarning Place which hopefully will provide a better experience for our students, parents and staff for assemblies, liturgies and other events. It may take a little while for our staff to learn how to operate it so please be patient if you are in the audience at any time.

You would be well aware that there has been an increase again in the number of Covid cases throughout South Australia. This doesn't change anything dramatically for our schools. The rule remains that if your child is experiencing symptoms like coughing, sneezing, fever, etc, then they should not come to school. They should remain at home until the symptoms disappear. Then it would be prudent for them to wear a mask until they are up to day 10 (day 0 is when they test positive). Thank you for our support and understanding with this requirement.

The department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts offers free Broadband to families who may not be able to afford it normally. I shared this information last year. Their School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) webpage has been updated recently. The Minister for Communications has [announced](#) that the initiative has been extended until 2025.

- The period in which a family can nominate to receive a free service has been extended to 31 December 2024.
- The duration of free services will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families.

Please visit their website for further information: www.infrastructure.gov.au/ssbi

We are already past the middle point of our school term, with only four weeks remaining in the year. This means that teachers have been busy writing reports, allocating children to classes for next year, organising transition visits and organising end of year activities. Please check on the school website for dates of events that you might want to join us for. Some of the key ones are:

- Tuesday 21 November Year 1 Assembly 2:15pm
- Friday 1 December St Mary Magdalene's Got Talent
- Friday 8 December Sports Day
- Monday 11 December Christmas Carols 2pm
- Tuesday 12 December Year 6 Graduation 2pm
- Wednesday 13 December Last Day of Term
- Thursday 14 December Pupil Free Day (OSHC bookings required)
- Friday 15 December Pupil Free Day (OSHC bookings required)

This coming Monday is Universal Children's Day. The theme this year is "#Every Child, Every Right". Children are at the heart of everything we do in our schools and St Mary Magdalene's is no different. Our staff do their utmost each day to keep our children safe, to let them know that they are special and important and to help them learn, not just academically, but also around our Mercy values of Compassion, Courage, Hospitality, Justice, Respect and Service. On Monday especially we pray for all children, throughout the world, that they are safe and able to access food, clothing, housing and education.

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

'Shaping our future together'

Recent News



From the APRIM

Liturgical Calendar Information

Special celebrations that we focus on during classroom and whole school prayer throughout term 4 and those that come up in our liturgical calendar include:

13/11 - World Kindness Day

20/11 - Universal Children's Day

26/11 - Feast of Christ the King

3/12 - 1st Sunday of Advent

10/12 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Catherine McAuley

Last week we celebrated Catherine McAuley Day. Staff member Cloe Bowman who teaches our reception students at St. Mary Magdalene's School, reminded us during our combined schools Microsoft Teams community prayer, that Catherine McAuley's faith led her to dedicate herself to serving the poor, sick and uneducated. Throughout her life she was deeply aware of the human suffering caused by social, economic, and religious injustice.

Hospitality was a fundamental part of Catherine's sense of service. The story is told that even as she laid on her death bed with sisters travelling from far and near to pay their last respects to her, her first concern was their comfort. "Be sure to give them a cup of tea" was her instruction which has become a symbol of Mercy hospitality and servant leadership.

Last week Catherine McAuley staff and students celebrated the life of Catherine McAuley. This week we will gift them a hamper on behalf of staff at St. Mary Magdalene's and St. Thomas More Schools to enjoy as part of their celebrations.

Remembrance Day

Year 3 Haylock and Year 4/5 Sekhon led our Remembrance Day service for us on Monday November 13. Students shared a variety of prayers to focus our hearts and minds on those soldiers who fought in battles past and those who continue to serve today. Students shared:

We thank you for keeping us safe from war.

We pray for all the people living in war torn countries.

We pray that one day the children get to play safely.

We pray that parents stop worrying and we pray for peace in the world.

We pray for the soldiers that have served for our country.

May we never forget those soldiers, nurses, pilots, and other people who served in the war.

World Kindness Day

This week we celebrated World Kindness Day. World Kindness Day is an annual event that encourages individuals to practice kindness in their daily lives. It is a day that focuses on encouraging and shaping a kinder and more compassionate world.

Universal Children's Day

Next week we focus on Universal Children's Day. The theme for 2023 is: For every child, every right! World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us to celebrate our end of year Mass and blessing of our Year 6 students on December 12, at 12 noon in the Yarning Space.

Elizabeth Catholic Parish News

Please see below for the link to weekly parish bulletin.

<https://elizabethcatholicparish.com.au/bulletin/>

Sacramental Program

We have now come to the end of our Sacramental Program for 2023. If your child would like to be involved in the Sacramental Program for 2024 or you would like to find out more about the program, please see Melissa Musolino.

Reception Science Experiments!

Reception Science

This term for science we have been trying some different experiments.

Our first experiment was called "Floating Pictures".

We had to draw a picture on a plastic spoon with a whiteboard marker. We then dipped the spoon in a container filled with water and the picture was supposed to come off the spoon and swim around in the water. It didn't work for us!

We didn't give up – we tried LOTS of different ways, but none of them worked.

It was fun trying!



Our second experiment was called "Skittle Rainbow".

We had to place skittles into a circle on a paper plate. We poured water into the middle of the plate. The coloured faded off the skittles and made a rainbow! It looked BRILLIANT. It was very exciting that the experiment worked.

We had fun learning about experiments.



Toy Library 2024!

I am so excited to share with you that our Community Hub has been successful in winning the 1st Toy Well - Toy Library for the Playford area! This is amazing news for our community.

Currently there are only 2 other Toy Well Library locations operating in South Australia, so we are all very excited!

You may be thinking what is a toy library? It works exactly like a traditional library but with toys instead of books. We will be stocking toys for our littlest community members (children aged 0-5 years and we are so excited that our families will soon be able to borrow high quality toys for FREE!

For now, we are busy ordering cupboards, toys, and setting up the space ready to open early next year! If you would like to help in any way, you are welcome to come and see me anytime.

We will keep you posted on the opening and can't wait to start sharing toys with our families!

Kerryn

Community Hub

COMING IN TERM 1 - 2024

***LIMITED SPOTS
AVAILABLE
*Register
Now!**



FREE 6 WEEK PROGRAM FOR ADULTS - FREE CHILD MINDING PROVIDED



NEST[™]
**NUTRITION EDUCATION
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**ST MARY MAGDALENE'S SCHOOL - KITCHEN/YARNING PLACE
SAVE YOUR SPOT - CONTACT KERRYN: 0437 609 976**

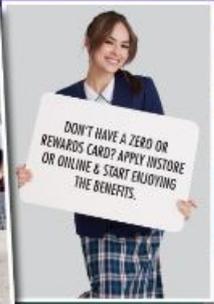


3 DAY VIP EVENT

20% OFF EVERYTHING*



NOVEMBER 15TH 16TH & 17TH



INSTORE & ONLINE

*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.

Little Maggie's Playgroup



TUESDAY MORNINGS

9am

Please
Bring a Snack
and
Water



Contact Kerryn on 0437 609 976
www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM

Located at 82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road)



COME & TRY 
+ SIGN UP!

JUNIOR FOOTY
@ ARGANA PARK

19 NOV
COME & TRY - 10:30-11:30
SIGN UP- 10AM-12PM





Community Hub

St Mary Magdalene's School - 82 Fairfield Road Elizabeth Grove
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road. Please sign in at the Front Office)



Term 4, 2023 TIMETABLE

All sessions are FREE and open to the Community - Everyone is welcome!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS</p> <p>9:30am - 11:30am</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED *NO COST *NO TESTS *ALL LEVELS WELCOME</p> <p>23rd Oct - 4th Dec</p>	<p><i>Little Maggies</i> Playgroup</p> <p>9am - 10:30am</p> <p>FUN ACTIVITIES + MAKE NEW FRIENDS CHILDREN FROM BIRTH - 5 YEARS</p> <p>17th Oct - 5th Dec</p>	<p> </p> <p>9:30am - 10:15am</p> <p>FREE 8 WEEK PROGRAM *SCHOOL HALL/YARNING PLACE ALL FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME!</p> <p>BRING YOUR FRIENDS</p> <p>18th Oct - 6th Dec</p>	<p>HELP WANTED!</p> <p>WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS</p> <p><small>WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC) + TRAINING PROVIDED</small></p> <p>IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT KERRYNN</p>	<p>Contact: KERRYNN Call or Text 0437 609 976 <small>kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au</small></p> <p></p> <p>Follow us on Facebook for Reminders, Cancellations and Special Events</p>
<p>BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS</p> <p>1pm - 3pm</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED IMPROVE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILD PARENTING CONFIDENCE</p> <p>23rd Oct, 6th Nov & 20th Nov</p>	<p>CRAFT GROUP</p> <p>11am - 12:45pm</p> <p>JOIN THE GROUP ACTIVITY OR BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT</p> <p>17th Oct - 5th Dec</p>	<p>ONE BOX COLLECTION</p> <p>3pm</p> <p>FORTNIGHTLY BOX OF FRESH FRUIT, VEG & BREAD</p> <p></p> <p>*See KerryNN to join the waiting list</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS</p> <p>12:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED *NO COST *NO TESTS *ALL LEVELS WELCOME</p> <p>19th Oct - 7th Dec</p>	

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FREE ZUMBA

HAVE FUN & FEEL GOOD!



ALL AGES AND FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME!

9:30am

EVERY WEDNESDAY

18th Oct - 6th Dec

**TOTALLY FREE
8-WEEK PROGRAM
45 MINUTE SESSIONS**

REGISTER ANYTIME!

**TEXT KERRYN TO
BOOK YOUR SPOT
0437 609 976**



**St Mary Magdalene's School Hall (YARNING PLACE)
82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112
(Enter through Harvey Road gate)**



Community Hub

Community English Classes

**During School Terms*



MONDAYS
9:30am - 11:30am
&
THURSDAYS
12:30pm - 2:30pm

**You are welcome to come to both classes*

**FREE CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE*

**BOOKING REQUIRED*

**NO COST *NO TESTS*

**NO ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA*

ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

*LEARN or PRACTICE ENGLISH
IN A FRIENDLY PLACE*



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Centacare

Bringing Up Great Kids

This course is for families experiencing separation

A FREE 4 week course for Parents and Carers to encourage parenting practices that build competence, optimism and capability in Children

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Dates: Wednesdays:
10th, 17th, 24th and 31st of January 2024

Venue: Centacare Level 2
45 Wakefield Street,
Adelaide 5000





Centacare

Circle of Security Parenting

**Do you want to have more understanding about your child's behaviour?
Come along to this FREE 6 week course and learn how to:**

- Help your child organise their feelings
- Enjoy a more fulfilling relationship with your child
- Help your child to feel secure, both now and into the future

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am
Date: Tuesdays:
6,13,20,27 February
5,12 March 2024

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Please note childcare facilities are not available and children cannot be present at this course





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January 23, 30,
6,13,20 and 27 February 2024

Venue: Elizabeth Rise Community Centre
Shop 7/26 Hamblynn Rd, Elizabeth
Downs SA 5113

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Date: Tuesdays
26th March
2,9,16,23,30 April 2024

Venue: Centacare Level 2
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